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The inaugural World Baseball Classic (WBC) which took place in 2006 was established as the preeminent international baseball tournament in the world. It proved to be an unprecedented baseball event that featured many of the best players in the world competing for their home countries and territories for the first time ever; giving fans around the world a chance to see baseball in an exciting and compelling new format.

The 2006 WBC was played in a seven venues in culturally diverse and sports-passionate cities in the United States, Japan and Puerto Rico with approximately 750,000 fans attending games. These games were broadcast in over 200 nations in seven different languages.

Currently, the World Baseball Classic, Inc (WBCI) is in the process of receiving Bid Proposals for potential sites for the 2009 WBC. Thorough evaluations will take place shortly thereafter with the sites being selected in November, 2007 and announced in December, 2007. It is fully anticipated that the 2009 WBC will surpass 2006 attendance and broadcast figures.

The Los Angeles Dodgers will submit a Bid Proposal to WBCI with the intent of Los Angeles and Dodger Stadium hosting games and associated events for the 2009 WBC. If Dodger Stadium is selected as a host site for the 2009 WBC, it will directly benefit the County by

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continuing to showcase Los Angeles as the entertainment capital of the world. Furthermore, this event will provide tremendous economic, social and cultural benefits for the entire County.

The County of Los Angeles routinely hosts capacity crowds for international sporting events held at numerous sporting venues; and is experienced in successfully hosting internationally broadcasted sporting events when it hosted the 1994 FIFA World Cup, 1999 FIFA Women's World Cup, the baseball competition for the 1984 Summer Olympics, the 1980 Major League Baseball All-Star game and numerous Super Bowls and World Series.

One of the key evaluating criteria for the WBCI is the strength level of the government partnership in lending full cooperation and support for the provisions of providing civic, promotional and hospitality services during the planning and staging of the games.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that by the adoption of this motion, the Board of Supervisors staunchly supports the Los Angeles Dodgers' application for Dodger Stadium be a host venue for games and associated events for the 2009 WBC, and it urges the WBCI to select Dodger Stadium as a host for the 2009 WBC.

I FURTHER MOVE that County will work with the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Dodgers to ensure that all games at Dodger Stadium in conjunction with the 2009 WBC are provided with all of the necessary public safety, transportation and hospitality support, thereby raising the County and City's national and international profile in celebrating cultural diversity, welcoming new visitors and reveling in the excitement of a unique sporting event.